

REMARKS

In compliance with 37 CFR 1.121, Applicants have presented all the claims in this response.

In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number provided.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 13-4500, Order No. 3553-4067US1.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 3553-4067US1. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

CONCLUSION

It is now believed that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. In view of the amendment and remarks, an early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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